

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

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### **An Act to Ensure the Fair Collection of Overpayments.**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and  
Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, DUDLEY of Portland, HALL of Bristol,  
LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford, MURPHY of Berwick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,  
PATRICK of Rumford, Senator: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3825** is enacted to read:

6 **§3825. Exceptions to collection**

8 Notwithstanding this chapter, an overpayment may not be  
10 collected from an individual who was a minor in the household but  
12 was not the head of household at the time the overpayment accrued.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits the Department of Human Services from collecting overpayments accrued in public benefit programs from people who were minors in the household at the time that their parent or other caretaker received the overpayment.